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List of themes in relation to the combined eighteenth to twenty-second periodic reports of Lebanon

Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session (see A/65/18, para. 85) that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required

Legal and institutional framework for combating racial discrimination

2. The definition and prohibition of racial discrimination (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, para. 7; CERD/C/64/CO/3, para. 14).

3. The criminalization of acts proscribed by article 4 (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, paras. 8 and 32).

4. Discrimination in the transmission of Lebanese nationality (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, para. 56; CERD/C/64/CO/3, para. 13).

5. Plans for the gradual elimination of political denominationalism (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, paras. 6 and 51; CERD/C/64/CO/3, para. 10).

6. The institutional framework for combating racial discrimination and prejudice and promoting understanding and tolerance, and educational measures to achieve those aims (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, paras. 25, 28, 29, 73 and 74; CERD/C/64/CO/3, para. 15).

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Occurrence of incidents of racial discrimination

7. Measures taken to combat and punish acts of racial discrimination committed by private actors, and to provide remedies for victims (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, para. 66).

8. The response to clashes and security incidents involving local residents, foreign workers and refugees (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, para. 35).

Situation of non-nationals

9. Enforcement of Act No. 164 of 24 August 2011 concerning punishment of the crime of trafficking in persons, especially the penalties imposed on those convicted of trafficking (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, paras. 12 and 47).

10. The legislative framework on the protection of the rights of refugees, in order to replace the Act regulating entry into Lebanon, residence in the country and departure from it (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, para. 49).

11. The situation of Palestinian refugees, including their non-discriminatory access to employment, housing, health care and education (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, paras. 14, 16 and 64; CERD/C/64/CO/3, para. 12).

12. The impact of the project established in response to the Syrian situation, on the enjoyment of economic and social rights by Syrian refugees, including their access to employment, housing, health care and education (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, paras. 27, 30 and 64).

13. Protection of migrant workers against abuse and exploitation under the sponsorship (*kafala*) system, including measures taken in view of the failure to apply the model standard labour contract to protect domestic workers, and the low number of prosecutions of cases of abuse and exploitation (CERD/C/LBN/18-22, para. 19; CERD/C/64/CO/3, para. 11).